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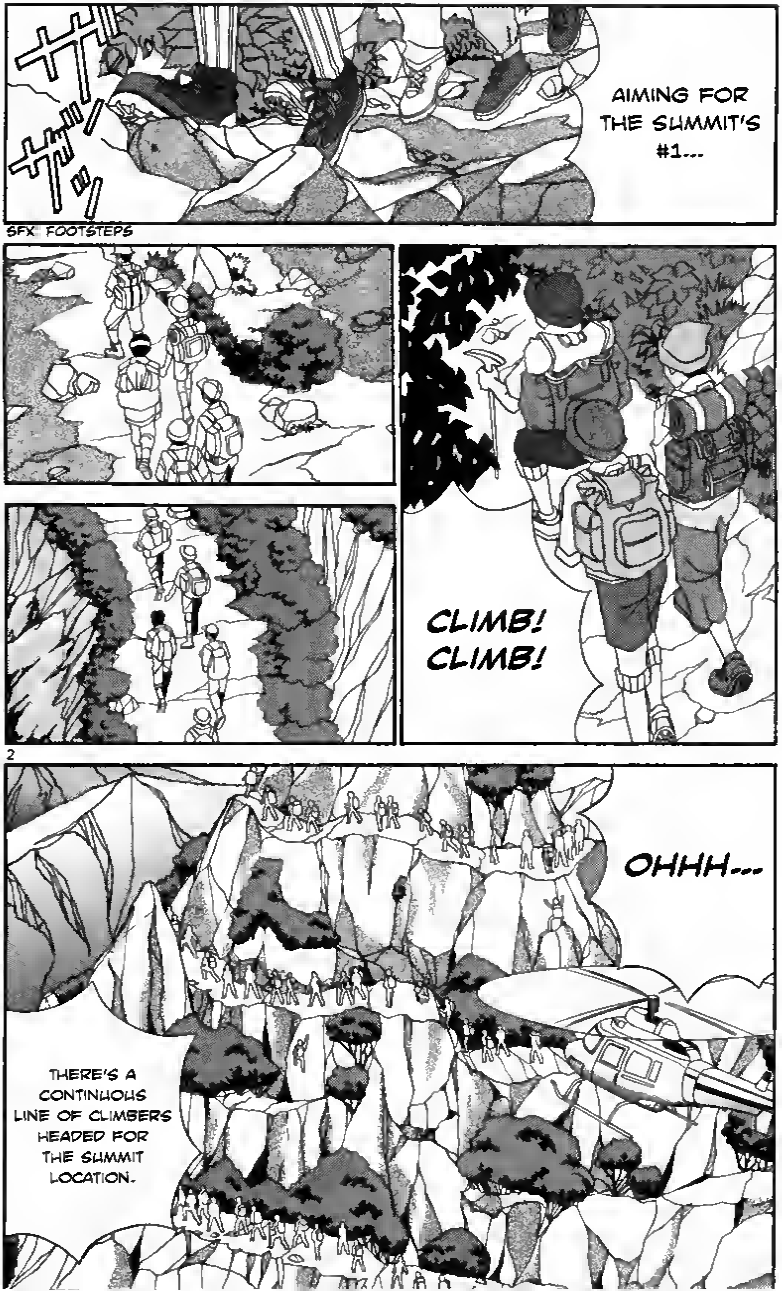
# Natsuki-san is Missing


AIMING FOR THE SUMMIT'S #1...
SFX: FOOTSTEPS
CLIMB! CLIMB!
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OHHH...
THERE'S A CONTINUOUS LINE OF CLIMBERS HEADED FOR THE SUMMIT LOCATION.

BUT SO FAR, SO GOOD...!
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS HERE...
WELL, I'M JUST HARNESSING THE CLIMBERS' INSTINCTS, THAT'S ALL.
THE VILLAGERS ALL SAY IT'S PUMPING NEW LIFE INTO THE VILLAGE, TOO, THEY'RE ALL PRETTY HAPPY!
THIS IS REALLY AMAZING, HARUHEI-KUN, YOU TRULY ARE A GENIUS...!!
BUT I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.
I SAID, "BUILD THE CLUB SOMEWHERE HIGH UP"
AH HA HA ...
WELL, IT'S PRETTY EASY TO GET INTOXICATED AT HIGH ALTITUDE, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF FLAWS IN THAT PLAN, YOU KNOW...
THIS WILL GET THE CLUB BACK ON TRACK, TOO!
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HARUHEI-SAN...
AH.

Y-YOU MEAN...
KAEIDA-SENSEI HAS GIVEN HIS PERMISSION.
STILL, I'M IMPRESSED.
I GUESS THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE...
YUP... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OK TO GO BACK TO TOKYO.
REALLY ?!
I CAN GO BACK TO TOKYO!!
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I CAN SEE NATSUKI-SAN!!

MAN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN IN TOKYO...
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BUT NOW I CAN SEE NATSUKI-SAN.
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NATSUKI-SAN, I'M BACK!
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SFX: SILENCE

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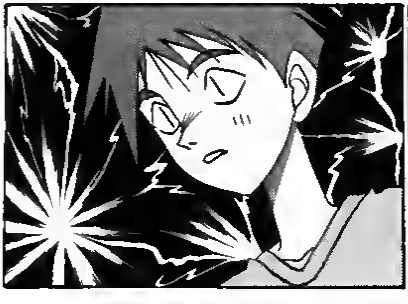

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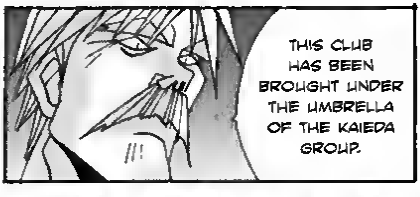
THE CLUB'S BEEN REPLACED!!

K-KAIEDA...

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE...
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY CLUB!


THIS CLUB HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE KAIEDA GROUP.

NO, HARUHEI-KUN!!
DIDN'T YOU PROMISE YOU WOULDN'T TAKE IT OVER?!

WE ASKED HIM TO DO THIS!
M-MANAGER...

THEN WHAT DID I GO THROUGH ALL OF THOSE HARDSHIPS FOR...!?
WAS I JUST PLAYING THE FOOL?
IT WAS THE BEST WAY FOR US TO SURVIVE.
IT...
IT CAN'T BE...
T-THAT REMINDS ME..
WHERE'S NATSUKI-SAN...
SHE QUIT.
QUIT?
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BUT SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T BEAR STAYING IN THE CLUB DORMITORY...
I TOLD HER SHE COULD STAY AS LONG AS SHE LIKED...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... TO QUIT THE CLUB AND LEAVE...
WITHOUT SAYING A WORD TO ME... IS JUST TOO MUCH...
WHERE DID SHE MOVE TO...?
BUT... SHE SAID THAT IT'S BECAUSE...
SHE PROMISED YOU SHE'D QUIT WORKING AT THE CLUB, HARUHEI-KUN.
TH... THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT...
THAT IS WHAT I ASKED HER TO DO.
NATSUKI-SAN QUIT, AND I CAN JUST WALK AWAY...
AND DEVOTE ALL MY ATTENTION TO TAKING MY EXAMS...
IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED, RIGHT?

NATSUKI-SAN GOES TO THE SAME PREP SCHOOL.
AH HA HA, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

NO MATTER HOW OFTEN SHE MIGHT MOVE, I CAN SEE HER HERE.

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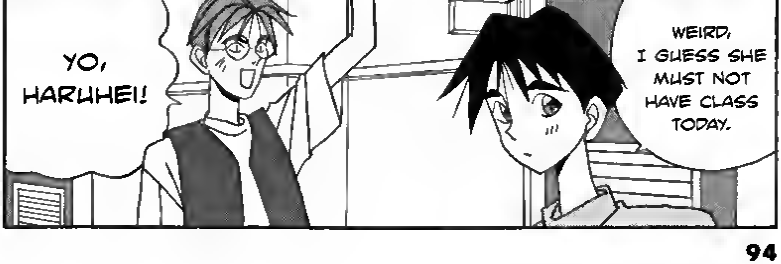
YO, HARUHEI!
WEIRD, I GUESS SHE MUST NOT HAVE CLASS TODAY.

BY THE WAY, WHAT'S UP WITH NATSUKI-SAN...
WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AT THE APARTMENT, EITHER!
FU... FUKUMOTO...
HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND LATELY.
MAYBE YOU CAN ASK AT THE BUSINESS OFFICE...
HA HA HA...
UH, HEY...
SHE WITHDREW EFFECTIVE THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, LOOKS LIKE SHE QUIT.
SHE QUIT...
I... I SEE.
UM... WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A CONTACT ADDRESS?
AS A GENERAL RULE, WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE OUT INFORMATION LIKE THAT.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HARUHEI? YOU LOOK DEPRESSED.
HEY, LISTEN.

DON'T TELL ME..!
HARUHE! ...
SO SOME STUFF HAPPENED, RIGHT...
YOU FINALLY LOST YOUR VIRGINITY!?
IS STUFF LIKE THAT SERIOUSLY THE ONLY THING YOU THINK ABOUT!?
SURE.
SO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE, LET'S RELAX AND GRAB A BITE TO EAT, HUH?
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO, HOW ARE THINGS GOING...?
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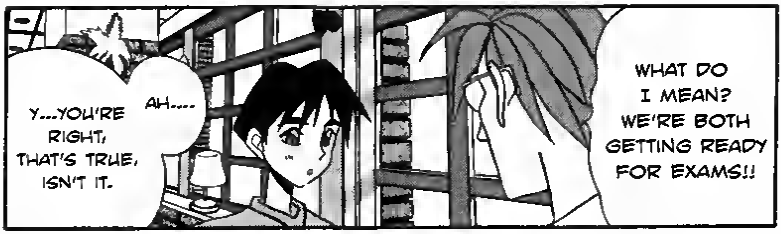
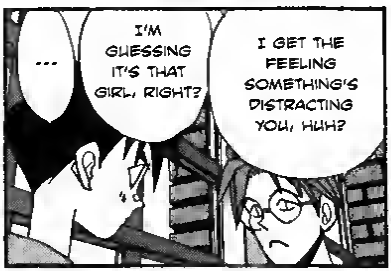

WHAT DO I MEAN? WE'RE BOTH GETTING READY FOR EXAMS!!
AH.....
Y...YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT.


I GET THE FEELING SOMETHING'S DISTRACTING YOU, HUH?
I'M GUESSING IT'S THAT GIRL, RIGHT?
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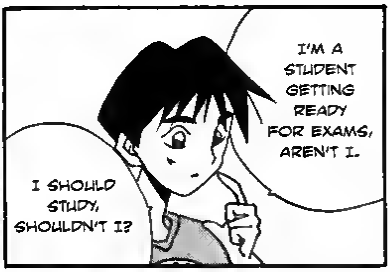
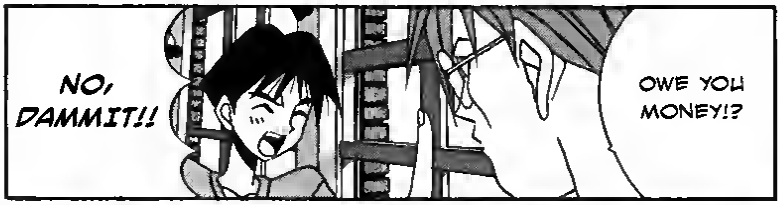

I'M A STUDENT GETTING READY FOR EXAMS, AREN'T I.
I SHOULD STUDY, SHOULDN'T I?

HARUHEI... DON'T TELL ME...
DOES THAT THAT GIRL....

N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE IN A RELATIONSHIP OR ANYTHING.
ANYWAY, IT'S KINDA LIKE...


OWE YOU MONEY!?
NO, DAMMIT!!

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PHEW... I JUST CAN'T CONCENTRATE.
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SHOULD I GO GET A LATE SNACK...?
THIS SHOULDN'T BE BOTHERING ME...
I CAN'T SUMMON UP ANY ENERGY...
BUT I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT...
SOMEHOW, NO MATTER WHAT I DO NOW, I KEEP THINKING BACK ON THOSE DAYS.

"SHAKE" "SHAKE"
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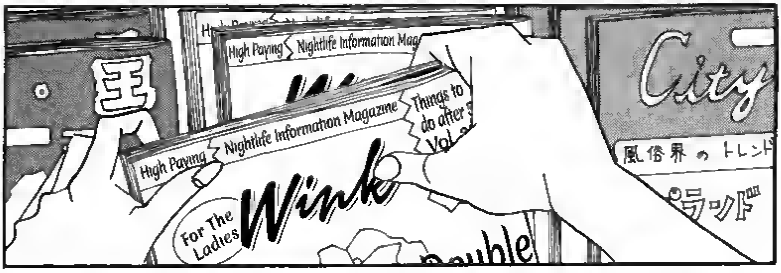
WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING?
THAT STUFF WASN'T ANY FUN!
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN...
LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT NATSUKI-SAN ALREADY...
B-BUT ANYWAY...
EVEN CONVENIENCE STORES HAVE THESE RIGHT OUT FRONT THESE DAYS, DON'T THEY?
A NIGHTLIFE INDUSTRY RECRUITING MAGAZINE, HUH?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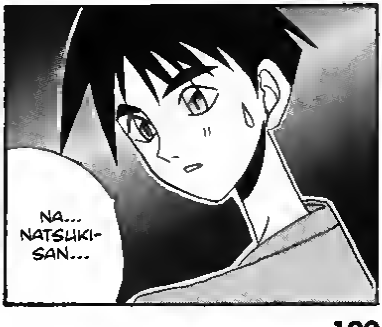
NA... NATSUKI-SAN...

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